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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO HONG KONG,
MOSCOW, USUN NEW YORK, SEOUL, TOKYO FROM PARIS AUG 22.

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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, FROMENT-MEURICE,
SAID THAT GOF CONSIDERED THAT ANY UNGA RESOLUTION CONCERNING
KOREA WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SUPPORT OF THE "OTHER SIDE" IF IT WERE
TO BE REALLY EFFECTIVE. GOF CONSIDERS THAT ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION
MUST BE PACKAGE DEAL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY ADMISSION OF
TWO KOREAS AND DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, BUT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE
AT LEAST THE PROMISE OF THE END OF UNC. GOF THEREFORE FAVORS
CONTINUING TO SOUND OUT OTHER COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF SAW QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA FROMENT-MEURICE AUGUST 22
AND PRESENTED US POSITION ON KOREA AT 28TH UNGA AS CONTAINED
IN REFTEL.

2. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT GOF HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION
WITH THE ROK, NOT ONLY THROUGH HIS FREQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR, BUT THROUGH HIGH LEVEL KOREAN VISITS
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TO PARIS (HE DID NOT MENTION FONMIN KIM'S RECENT "PRIVATE VISIT").

ROK APPEARED TO AGREE WITH GOF POSITION THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY BOTH SIDES SINCE A RESOLUTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY WHICH DID NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE DPRK AND PRC WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. GOF THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT ROK POSITION WAS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THAT PRESENTED BY USG, AND ROK ALSO APPEARED READY TO MODIFY ITS POSITION TO ADAPT TO EMERGING POSITIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE.

3. AS FOR ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS, FROMENT-MEURICE THOUGHT THAT THE PYONG YANG POSITION WAS NOT ENCOURAGING, BUT PERHAPS MORE FLEXIBILITY WOULD EMERGE LATER. THE PRC POSITION ALSO APPEARED VERY HARD; CHOU EN-LAI'S REMARK THAT KOREA WAS NOT GERMANY WAS NOT PROMISING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE USSR, BY ACCEPTING ROK ATHLETES, SHOWED ITS POSITION MIGHT BE MORE SUPPLE. UNCURK DISSOLUTION SHOULD PROVIDE THE FEWEST PROBLEMS. THE UNC PROBLEM WAS MORE COMPLEX. IF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT COULD BE REPLACED BY SOME OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERELY THE TWO KOREAS OR BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS AND OTHER POWERS, THERE SHOULD BE SUITABLE GUARANTEES FOR SOUTH KOREAN SECURITY. EVEN THE ROK SEEMED TO ACCEPT THE POSITION THAT SOME SOLUTION WHICH INVOLVED THE END OF THE UNC BUT PERMITTED THE CONTINUATION OF THE US MILITARY PRESENCE WOULD SATISFY ITS SECURITY CONCERNS. UNTIL NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT, GOF WOULD EXPECT CONTINUATION OF CURRENT SYSTEM.

4. GOF THOUGHT THAT THE PRC WAS ANXIOUS TO DROP ITS ROLE IN KOREA AND WOULD ALSO LIKE THE END OF UNC COVER FOR THE US FORCES. ON THE OTHER HAND, GOF THOUGHT PEKING WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE THE US FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH KOREA. IF THIS IS INDEED THE PRC POSITION, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOME NEW ARRANGEMENT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE OLD SYSTEM CONNECTED WITH THE 1953 ARMISTICE. ADMITTEDLY THIS COULD BE A DIFFICULT PROCEDURE, BUT THIS IS WHY FURTHER EXPLORATIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE ARE NEEDED TO DETERMINE WHAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE WORKED OUT. GOF WAS PLEASED THAT THE ROK WAS MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION AND AGREED WITH GOF THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE THAN A CONFRONTATION IN THE UNGA -- EVEN A CONFRONTATION WHICH THE ROK WON BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

5. FROMENT-MEURICE SAID THAT EVEN PRELIMINARY FRENCH SOUNDINGS
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INDICATED THAT ONLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE UNC WOULD MAKE A KOREAN RESOLUTION SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE TO PYONG YANG'S FRIENDS (PARTICULARLY PEKING) TO GET THEM TO TRY TO OBTAIN DPRK ACCEPTANCE. GOF ALSO THOUGHT THAT IN THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO TRY TO MOVE AHEAD ON UNC. SINCE THERE WAS MOVEMENT ON THE KOREAN PROBLEM, ONE SHOULD USE THIS MOMENTUM TO SHOW FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE WORLD'S PRINCIPAL POWERS ON ANOTHER PROBLEM. SINCE

THE ROK HAD SHOWN ITS OWN "OPEN, CREATIVE AND FLEXIBLE" POSITION, IT PROVIDED A GOOD CONTEXT IN WHICH TO ATTEMPT TO GET A SIMILAR RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

6. GOF ACCORDINGLY IS CONTINUING ITS OWN STUDIES OF THE PROBLEM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ROK. IT IS ALSO CONSULTING WITH OTHER IMPORTANT COUNTRIES INVOLVED. FROMENT-MEURICE SUGGESTED THAT THE US MIGHT ALSO CONSULT THE "OTHER SIDE" AND DETERMINE THE CHANCES OF WORKING OUT SOME NEW SOLUTION TO THE UNC PROBLEM. STONE UNQUOTE RUSH

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